Leicester, Dec. 22/60.

Dear Wallcut:

"Forefathers' Day
comes round again to remind us
how miserably Boston, and even
the whole of New England, [to some
extent,] has drifted away from the
principles which brought the
Pilgrims to this new world.
This work of lifting up and
saving man is a "never-ending,
still-beginning" labour, — always
doing, done, and to be done.
"There is no discharge in that
war." Amen — so be it.

I write to you, brother,
to say, that this new "property
and standing mob" in Boston,
being hitherto foiled in their
purpose of silencing (by
murdering) Wendell Phillips,
and unable (as they probably will be)

to keep the violence of their
temper up to the requisite
point for work like that,
will very likely seek its
gratification in some lesser
and more inglorious way.
Not unpossibly ~~that~~ the A.S.
Office may be invaded in
the dark & still hours of the
night., for objects of malice
and of theft. And I would
suggest the prudence of taking
to your home for a few weeks
the more valuable books and
papers which you cannot
get into the safe, and any
other valuables not in constant
use. I lament that fate
exiles me for a season from
the place of conflict, but I
shall be in Boston all I
can, and whenever I see

any way of usefulness
before me.

I shall let your Advocates run on as they are for the present, - don't you think I may as well? You may have use for the extra No. - but I will do as you think best. I wrote to Webb very fully about ~~a week~~ 10 days ago, & ~~do not expect to write him~~ again for 2 or 3 weeks.

Ever truly Yrs
S. Mary Jo

Thanks to Heywood for his Note, & for his new arrangement about Daypas, who will of course come to my house.

Sam'l May Jr
Leicester
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